

Leicester, Oct: 22/59.

Dear Chas. Parleigh;

Three things:

1. Our Exec. Comtee. wish to know, if you cannot arrange, so as to give us your whole and undivided time and labour for the next three or four months - say at least to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February? The  
Petition is the business - or, I should say, the Petitions, - that for the Removal of the "Webster Idol being very urgent, and a most capital text. We are short of help. We want the West<sup>n</sup>. part of the State thoroughly canvassed, from the Conn. River to the New York line, and we



want you to undertake it —  
and whatever assistance you  
require, the Comtee will  
send, if possible; — So, do  
get Florence & Cummington  
to excuse you, — for the sake  
of the general work. The  
Petition may be advantageously  
pushed till the end of January,  
at least. —

2. The Report — which the  
Comtee hopes is in such a state  
of forwardness as will allow  
you to undertake the above,  
I give it your whole time. If  
not, they would wish you to  
reserve enough non-lecturing  
time in each week to keep that  
work along, to as speedy a  
completion as possible.

Immediately — or very soon —



after the completion of the Report now in hand, as I have already said to you, the Comtee wish you to proceed with the Report for current year - 1859-60 - so as to have it completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1860. Then we shall be all right, on that head.

3. The Cummington Meeting:  
It is a matter of sheer necessity to put that off again. I wrote last Thursday ~~(or Wednesday)~~ to Dea. Brown to say so, and to ask whether Nov. 12. 13, or Nov. 19. 20, w<sup>d</sup>. be the best time. If I hear nothing to the contrary, I shall be likely to fix the 19. 20. - I am sorry for this. But Garrison has at last entirely broken down, as to public speaking. He is very much out of sorts,



and Dr. Geist makes it a  
line qua non, as to any  
chance of his being better,  
that he shall wholly refrain  
from public speaking. He  
is hoarse, has soreness of throat  
&c. — all which indicates  
the necessity of so doing. —

We cannot therefore hold  
the Harwich & Cummington  
meetings the same day; and  
the only thing was to postpone  
the latter.

If you write, address me  
at 21 Cornhill.

Truly Yrs

J. May Jr